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4. U.S. Embassy cultural affairs officer visits arts performing school

1. Former U.S. Ambassador Phillip Carter III heads AFRICOM delegation to Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://www.linfodrome.com/vie-politique/16281-l-ambassadeur-philipp-carter-iii-retourne-en-cote-d-ivoire-avec-un-commandement-militaire-americain>
- <http://www.fratmat.info/politique/item/16808-sécurité-militaire-une-délégation-de-l'africom-en-visite-en-côte-d'ivoire-cette-semaine>

Fraternite Matin (p. 6) reported over the weekend that a delegation of the United States Africa Command (AFRICOM), led by former U.S. Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire Philip Carter III, will be visiting Cote d'Ivoire this week. The visit is part of a regional tour to discuss military and security cooperation. Reporting on a press release issued on Friday by the U.S. Embassy, the paper noted that AFRICOM experts participated in a conference last week in Accra, Ghana.

The former U.S. Ambassador played a key role in resolving the political crisis after the 2010 disputed presidential elections, notes **L'Inter (p. 4)**. AFRICOM will soon be established in Abidjan, according to a report in **L'Expression (p. 4)**.

2. Opposition FPI party to boycott electoral commission

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502060.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502039.html>
- <http://www.linfodrome.com/vie-politique/16295-reuni-en-comite-central-le-fpi-rejette-la-nouvelle-cei>

The main Ivoirian opposition party (FPI) of the former Ivoirian president Laurent Gbagbo issued a statement on Saturday saying that it would not participate in the independent electoral commission, reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 7)**. The statement reaffirmed its commitment to "continuing the dialogue with the government" and called for the release of all political prisoners, including the former first lady, Simone Gbagbo.

A report in **L'Inter (p. 3)** says that the opposition party has rejected the structure of the new electoral commission on the grounds that the reform of the commission was "unilaterally adopted by President Ouattara's administration." The paper quotes the statement as saying, "The absolute majority held by the ruling coalition... leaves no room for the opposition to have a voice in this

electoral commission...The structure of the electoral commission violates the principle of independence and the credibility of this commission."

Le Nouveau Reveil (pp. 3&4) carries the entire statement issued after Saturday's FPI meeting. It also reports that the party is planning to organize street demonstrations to press for a new electoral commission and the release of Gbagbo, who is facing trial in the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity.

3. Pro-Gbagbo youth organization's new leader vows to fight for more democracy in Cote d'Ivoire

Le Quotidien d'Abidjan (p. 4) reports that the Congress for People's Justice and Equality (COJEP) elected a new president over the weekend. The new leader, Agenor Youan Bi, is reported as saying. "Very soon we will take to the streets to press for democracy." Youan Bi is the second president to be elected as president since Charles Ble Goude, the founder of COJEP and supporter of former president Laurent Gbagbo, was arrested and taken to the International Criminal Court, reports the paper.

LG Infos (p. 8) quotes the new leader as saying, "COJEP is our tool to fight the new administration." He called on members to get ready for sitting demonstrations and a general strike, "Operation Death-City."

4. U.S. Embassy cultural affairs officer visits arts performing school

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/502045.html>

A report in Le Mandat (p. 10) says that the new U.S. Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer, Alisande Pipkin, visited the National Institute of Performing Arts and Culture in Abidjan. The aim of this visit is to reinforce collaboration between the institute and the U.S. Embassy. The paper also reports that the director of the institute Tiburce Koffi and Ms. Pipkin decided to work together in order to contribute to the development of culture in Cote d'Ivoire.

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Reuters Africa

WEST AFRICA INCLUDING MALI, **IVORY COAST**, SENEGAL, SHOULD PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE ARRIVAL OF DEADLY EBOLA VIRUS WITH ...

[UPDATE 2-West African nations should be prepared for Ebola - WHO expert](#)

Reuters

GENEVA, June 27 (Reuters) - West African nations neighbouring those hit by the Ebola epidemic - Mali, **Ivory Coast**, Senegal and Guinea Bissau ...

[WHO warning to W. Africa on Ebola](#)

Saudi Gazette

GENEVA — West African nations neighboring those hit by the Ebola epidemic – Mali, **Ivory Coast**, Senegal and Guinea Bissau – should prepare for ...

[Liquidity boost seen as West Africa capital markets integrate](#)

BusinessDay

... (NSE), Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE) and the **Cote d'Ivoire** Bourse Regionale des Valeurs Mobilières (BRVM) – move closer to integration. With this ...

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[MTN pilots mobile VOD portal in Ivory Coast](#)

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MTN Play, a mobile VOD offering which is being piloted in in the **Ivory Coast** was one of the 52 platforms listed. Associate editor Sylvain Béletre ...

[Ivory Coast launches project to support cotton sector](#)

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Mamadou Coulibaly Sangafowa, **Ivory Coast's** Minister of Agriculture launched a project to support cotton sector (SCP) in the country at a ceremony in ...

[Cote D'Ivoire launches cotton support project](#)

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The Ivory Coast's Ministry of Agriculture has launched a project to support and help develop the country's cotton sector. The SCP project, costing ...

[Gbagbo's trial: charges and challenges](#)

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The charges relate to the post-electoral crisis of 2010-2011 following **Côte d'Ivoire's** bitter divisions over who won the presidential elections.

[Ivory Coast: consensus on gay rights](#)

Erasing 76 Crimes

Jean Marc Yao: based in Abijan in Ivory Coast, he specializes in LGBT issues at LIDHO and is human rights consultant for Alternative **Côte d'Ivoire**.

[Security: AFRICOM officials due in C/Ivoire](#)

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A delegation of the US Africa Command (AFRICOM) led by Ambassador Phillip Carter III is expected in **Cote d'Ivoire** next week to take part in a ...

[Security Council updates mandate of UN mission in Mali, extends two other operations](#)

indiablooms

New York, June 26 (IBNS): The Security Council Wednesday extended the mandates of United Nations peacekeeping forces in Mali, **Cote d'Ivoire** and ...

[GENERAL BADJIE SNUBS HIS BROTHER AFTER HE WAS ADVISED TO LEAVE GAMBIA!!!](#)

Freedom Newspaper

He is a soldier in **Ivory Coast**. He message Saul last week telling him to leave the Gambia before being disgraced. Saul was very mad at him so they ...

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2. Supreme Court rejects appeal filed by Gbagbo's military commander
3. National Assembly adopts a bill on traditional chieftaincy
4. Government announces high admission rate in secondary school examinations

1. Opposition parties meeting to name representatives in electoral commission –

A report in the **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 2)** claims that the opposition parties are divided on whether to appoint members for the new independent electoral commission. According to the paper, some opposition groups led by the FPI party of former president Gbagbo are ready to join the commission on the condition that the chairman is a member of the opposition. Another group of opposition parties led by Mamadou Koulibaly, are calling for an opposition boycott of the commission, believing that joining the commission could be seen as supporting the "electoral masquerade" in 2015. The two opposition groups, which have been meeting in Abidjan, could not reach consensus.

Fraternite Matin (p. 7) quotes Daniel Aka Ahizi, the president of Ivoirian Labor Party (PIT), as saying, "We have not been able to reconcile our positions, but we will be meeting again next week to find a solution." Meanwhile, members of the ruling RHDP coalition said they have already agreed on who should be on the commission. Amadou Soumahoro, the secretary general of President Ouattara's ruling RDR party confirmed that each member of the coalition has already named its representatives. GERDDES, an Ivorian NGO think tank on democracy and social and economic development, is reported by **Le Patriote (p. 6)** as saying that whatever the composition or structure of the electoral commission, the opposition will have an important role to play.

2. Supreme Court rejects appeal filed by Gbagbo's military commander

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501828.html>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/vie-politique/16273-cour-supreme-la-condamnation-a-15-ans-de-prison-du-gal-dogbo-ble-confirme>

Fraternite Matin (p. 8) reports that the Supreme Court rejected an appeal filed by General Dogbo Ble, a military commander under former president Gbagbo. General Ble was sentenced to 15 years in October 2012 on charges of aiding and abetting the killing of Colonel Major Adama Dosso during the 2011 political crisis. The presiding judge Adjoussou Youcoun is quoted as saying, "The court, in conformity with the law, and after deliberation has rejected the appeal filed by Dogbo Ble and four of his accomplices."

Dogbo Ble's lawyer calls the verdict "fanciful" according to **LG infos (p. 8)**

3. National Assembly adopts a bill on traditional chieftaincy

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501868.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/le-parlement-adopte-en-commission-la-loi-sur-la-chefferie-traditionnelle-22593.html>

The Social and Cultural Commission of the National Assembly adopted a bill on chieftaincy, introduced by Hamed Bakauoko, Minister of Interior and Security yesterday, according to **Fraternite Matin (p. 6)**. It reports that the government is seeking to reestablish the importance of traditional chieftaincy by giving chiefs new privileges. The bill would create a national chamber of kings and traditional chiefs that will serve as a link between the government and local populations.

4. Government announces high admission rate in secondary school examinations

- <http://www.fratmat.info/societe/item/16783-dosso-nimaga-mariam-c'est-la-premiere-fois-depuis-1981-que-ce-taux-franchit-la-barre-de-50>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501816.html>

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501815.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501776.html>

The Ministry of National Education announced that the secondary school examination admission rates this year are about 57% compared to 40% last year, reports ***Fraternite Matin (p. 10)***. The paper also indicates that this is the first time since 1981 secondary school examinations have recorded such success rates. According to Dosso Mariam, the head of the examination office, this result is mainly due to good organization, despite the rainy season. She noted that there no major incidents were recorded.

A report in ***Le Temps (p. 3)*** questioned the credibility of the results. The paper believes that education reforms enacted this year, which include grades from classwork as well as the examination results, could be the reason behind these results and calls this an opportunity for "high scale fraud."

[International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire](#)

[Ivory Coast Cocoa Purchases Slow as Rain Damages Quality](#)

Bloomberg

Cocoa purchases from Ivory Coast, the world's biggest producer of the chocolate ingredient, slowed as persistent rainfall caused bean quality to ...

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Reuters Africa

ABIDJAN (Reuters) - Ivory Coast expects its gold output to rise by about 10 percent this year while manganese production will jump nearly 18 percent ...

[UN further downsizing Ivory Coast mission](#)

Zee News

United Nations: The UN Security Council Wednesday opted to further downsize the number of peacekeepers in its Ivory Coast mission, which it said it ...

[Ivory Coast president offers food, money for Ramadan](#)

www.worldbulletin.net

Non-Muslims have also been involved in these acts of generosity, offering food, clothes and prayer mats to Muslim neighbors or colleagues.

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4. **UN renews UNOCI mandate in Cote d'Ivoire**
5. **Agency needs more than \$23 million dollars to support private media development plan**
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 - <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501722.html>
 - <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/100624/cote-divoire-parti-gbagbo-annonce-creation-dun-secretariat-coordonner-liberation>
 - <http://www.linodrome.com/vie-politique/16252-affi-n-guessan-gbagbo-est-en-danger-de-mort>
 - <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-liberation-gbagbo-affi-annonce-creation-secretariat-special-pour-coordination-actions-92742.html>
 - <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/la-creation-d-un-secretariat-pour-la-liberation-de-gbagbo-a-la-une-de-la-presse-ivoirienne-22512.html>

Opposition FPI party leader, Pascal Affi N'Guessan, announced yesterday that the party will set up a committee to work for the release of former president Laurent Gbagbo reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 9)**. Affi N'Guessan made the announcement at a press conference yesterday in Abidjan about the International Criminal Court (ICC)'s announcement that it would try the former president for crimes against humanity. He called on party supporters to join in support of Gbagbo's release and said, "Our goal is to mobilize and coordinate our activities to lead to the release of Laurent Gbagbo."

Soir Info (p. 3) quotes Affi N'Guessan as saying, "Laurent Gbagbo is in danger." It also reports the opposition leader as saying that the ICC decision was politically motivated.

Party supporters welcomed the establishment of the committee, according to opposition newspaper **Notre Voie (p. 3)** which described its creation as a campaign against the ICC decision.

L'Inter (p. 3) reports Affi N'Guessan as calling on all Ivoirians to join the campaign against "injustice and for transparency."

2. Legal procedures to release political detainees and unfreezing of personal assets to continue, government spokesperson says

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501761.html>

President Alassane Ouattara instructed the Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberties to continue legal proceedings to release more political detainees and unfreeze the personal assets of supporters of the former administration according to **Soir Info (p. 5)**. He is reported as saying that this measure is designed to encourage political dialogue between the government and opposition parties.

Aujourd'hui (p. 7) reports that although some 90 accounts of supporters of the former president have been unfrozen, approximately 100 accounts still remain frozen. **Le Temps (p. 4)** describes President Ouattara's instructions to the Minister of Justice as putting pressure on judges adding that the announcement may be related to French President Francois Hollande's planned visit to Cote d'Ivoire in July. The paper also indicates that approximately 100,000 Ivoirians who fled the country during the 2011 political crisis are still in exile and 700 political prisoners remain in jail.

A report in **Notre Voie (p. 4)** claims that an announcement by the government on May 22 to release 150 political prisoners was a "political joke" when only 50 were, in fact, released, and the fate of the others is uncertain.

Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 4) comments that the continuous announcements about the release of political detainees are an "insult" to the opposition FPI party.

3. Government announces new steps to prevent disaster during raining season in Abidjan

- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-communique-conseil-ministres-mercredi-juin-2014-92754.html>
- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-pluies-diluviennes-abidjan-recherche-hectares-decasse-million-famille-victime-92740.html>

The government announced plans this week to prevent more disasters during the rainy season especially in Abidjan according to **Fraternite Matin (p. 4)**. The plan includes destroying all illegally built homes in waterways and removal of so-called shanty towns in low-lying areas. The government also said that it will develop a plan to relocate the destroyed homes' inhabitants.

4. UN renews UNOCI mandate in Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501794.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501787.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501791.html>
- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-conseil-securite-envisage-mettre-mission-lonuci-apres-2015-92750.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/cote-d-ivoire-l-onu-poursuit-la-reduction-des-effectifs-de-sa-mission-22492.html>

The UN Security Council adopted a resolution to renew the mandate of the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOC), reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 9)**. The Security Council also amended a measure protecting the civilian population from the threat of violence and opted to further downsize the number of peacekeepers in Cote d'Ivoire. The paper reports that the Security Council will consider terminating the peacekeeping mission after the 2015 elections.

5. Agency needs more than \$23 million dollars to support private media development plan

- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/fsdp-pres-de-11-milliards-necessaires-pour-financer-le-plan-strategique-de-developpement-des-medias-privs-22457.html>

L'Intelligent d'Abidjan (p. 12) reports that Yacouba Kebe, president of the Press Development Fund (FSDP), announced that the organization is seeking \$23 million to implement a private media development strategy. Kebe made this announcement during a workshop that brought together newspaper publishers, media associations, and government officials. According to Kebe, the plan would enable the private media to support the government's national program for reconciliation and social cohesion and contribute to economic growth in Cote d'Ivoire.

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The draft resolution recognizes progress achieved in Côte d'Ivoire, including the improvement in the security situation. Perhaps reflecting the improved ...

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President Alassane Ouattara yesterday "reaffirmed his commitment to the principles of good governance," reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 6)**. The president said this yesterday while receiving the annual report from the federal auditor. Receiving the report, President Ouattara said to the head of the auditor's office, Niamien N'Goran, "You are an essential link in the effort to restore good governance to Cote d'Ivoire." According to the paper, N'Goran said that out of the 1,612 government agencies, his office audited 52. N'Goran is quoted as saying, "The government auditor's office oversees 29 ministries, 581 public service providers, 47 diplomatic missions, 30 government companies, and 46 other public-private partnerships." N'Goran went on to explain that the role of the federal auditor is to control and inspect these entities to ensure transparent operations.

President Ouattara is quoted in **Nord-Sud Quotidien (p. 4)** as telling the national auditor to audit all government institutions. In addition, the president has decided to reduce the number of public-private ventures reports **Le Patriote (p. 4)**. According to the paper, 25 percent of these projects are not performing well, and the president has instructed the prime minister to come up with a list to eliminate.

2. Prime Minister Duncan vows to turn mining sector the second revenue producer for Ivoirian economy

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501702.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501661.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501654.html>
- <http://fratmat.info/economie/item/16738-daniel-kablan-duncan-le-secteur-minier-doit-%C3%AAtre-une-seconde-mamelle-de-l%E2%80%99%C3%A9conomie>

A regional conference on mining is taking place this week in Abidjan reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 25)**. The paper quoted Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan as saying, "The mining sector plays an important role in economic development of Cote d'Ivoire." He said that the government is making efforts to ensure that this sector is the second largest revenue producer after cocoa and is working to increase its percentage of the GDP from one percent to five percent by 2020. **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 11)** reports that the prime minister urged African countries to undertake reforms to boost the sector. He added that the purpose of this regional conference is to help put a common mining sector development policy in place to streamline social and economic development in Africa.

3. A bill on prevention and protection against HIV/AIDS before National Assembly

Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 8) reports that the Minister of Health and the Fight against HIV/AIDS, Raymonde Coffi Goudou, presented new legislation focused on the prevention, protection and the fight

against HIV/AIDS to the Cultural and Social Affairs Commission of the National Assembly yesterday. The commission will review the bill before passing it on to the National Assembly. According to [***Nord-Sud Quotidien***](#) (p.10) the bill says that that HIV testing should be voluntary, anonymous, and confidential and bans discrimination against and stigmatization of people living with HIV/AIDS, but requires prison sentences of five to twenty years for anyone knowingly transmitting the virus to another person.

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U.S. Embassy Cote D'Ivoire National Daily Press Review

June 24, 2014

Today's Top Stories

1. Cote d'Ivoire's new warship to help fight maritime piracy
2. Senegalese justice minister calls for equal justice in Cote d'Ivoire
3. President Ouattara's ruling party starts preparation for 2015 presidential elections
4. ECOWAS chairman John Dramani holds talks with President Ouattara

1. Cote d'Ivoire's new ship to help fight maritime piracy

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501576.html>

Minister in charge of Defense Paul Koffi Koffi is quoted in this morning's **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 3)**, as saying that a new ship acquired by Cote d'Ivoire will help fight maritime piracy. According to the paper, the ship, called "Emergence," was unveiled yesterday during a ceremony in Abidjan. According to the minister, the national navy has not had the means needed to adequately patrol Ivoirian waters. Koffi Koffi is quoted as saying that this ship has been acquired to help solve this problem and to help reinforce the capacity of the navy. Apart from maritime piracy, the ship will also patrol to help combat overfishing in Ivoirian waters, pollution, and destruction of the ocean environment. The ship will be officially presented to President Alassane Ouattara and his French counterpart Francois Hollande during the latter's next visit to the country reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 9)**. The paper also quoted General Firmin Detho Letho, the deputy commander of the military, as saying, "The acquisition of this ship is a strong signal to all those who might be involved in any illegal activities in Ivoirian waters."

2. Senegalese justice minister calls for equal justice in Cote d'Ivoire

Several of today's newspapers published excerpts of an interview with the Minister of Justice from Senegal, Sidiki Kaba, who says that the International Criminal Court (ICC) must charge people from both sides of the post-electoral crisis suspected of crimes. In **Soir Info (p. 3)** the minister is quoted as saying that the ICC should avoid the appearance of abiding by "victor's justice" or showing leniency toward one side or the other. "Equal justice is critical," Kaba is quoted as saying. Opposition paper **Notre Voie (p. 3)** reports that Kaba is the former head of the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH). In addition, the paper notes that Kaba's call for equal justice has also been advocated by local NGOs such as the Ivoirian League for Human Rights (LIDOH), the Ivoirian Movement for Human Rights (MEDH), and Action for the Protection of Human Rights (APDH).

3. President Ouattara's ruling party starts preparation for 2015 presidential elections

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501595.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/election-presidentielle-2015-le-rdr-quot-affute-ses-armes-quot-22333.html>

The RDR party of President Ouattara yesterday organized a seminar in Abidjan to prepare for the coming year's presidential election reports **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 2)**. The Secretary General of the party, Amadou Soumahoro, used the opportunity to call for a single candidate from among the parties in the ruling RHDP coalition. Soumahoro is quoted as saying, "This candidate should be President Ouattara in order to enable him to continue the development projects underway in the country." In **L'Expression (p. 3)**, Soumahoro is quoted as saying, "The party is ready for the 2015 election, even if other parties nominate their own candidates."

4. ECOWAS chairman John Dramani holds talks with President Ouattara

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501603.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501599.html>

- http://rti.ci/infos_Politique_7510_investiture-du-president-de-guinee-bissau-lassane-ouattara-honore-par-la-cedeao.html
- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-provenance-guinee-bissau-mahama-rend-hommage-ouattara-92697.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/le-president-de-la-republique-a-eu-un-entretien-avec-son-homologue-ghaneen-s-e-m-john-dramani-mahama-22325.html>
- <http://lebanco.net/banconet/bco22544.htm>

The head of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and Ghanaian President John Dramani yesterday met in Abidjan with President Ouattara reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 4)**. Dramani was in Abidjan during after a visit last week to Guinea Bissau where he attended inauguration of new president Jose Mario Vaz. Dramni is quoted in the paper as saying, "President Ouattara was instrumental in resolving the political crisis in Guinea Bissau that led to the organization of presidential elections."

The Ghanaian president is quoted in **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 8)** as saying that the conversation between Ouattara and Dramani focused on regional and bilateral issues.

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[Blue Skies turns to Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire for raw materials](#)

GhanaWeb

A significant drop in the supply of fruits and vegetables in Ghana is compelling Blue Skies Products Ghana, a fruit processing company, to source the ...

[Answering Call to Return Home - World Refugee Day Celebrated](#)

AllAfrica.com

"We will continue to work with the Governments of Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire to assist Ivorian refugees to return home and to ensure that returns are ...

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June 23, 2014

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1. Government announces plan to increase security in western Cote d'Ivoire
2. 30,000 former combatants return to civil life
3. Minister of Agriculture launches a project to boost cotton and cashew production
4. Cote d'Ivoire marks World Refugees Day

1. Government announces plan to increase security in western Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501484.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501439.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501413.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/le-ministre-koffi-koffi-lance-le-projet-de-securisation-et-de-developpement-du-sud-ouest-22232.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/securisation-le-plan-du-gouvernement-pour-sauver-l-ouest-22196.html>

The Minister in Charge of Defense, Paul Koffi Koffi, announced over the weekend in the western town of Grabo that President Alassane Ouattara has approved funding for increased security measures in the region reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 4)**. The minister is quoted as saying, "The decision came as a result of the recent armed attacks against the population of the region." The minister also announced the launch of a pilot project that will see the construction of a new police station and installation of a gendarme force in the region. The Minister of Solidarity, Family, Women and Children, Anne Desire Ouloto, was also in the region where she announced that alongside the security projects, the government will also work to reinforce social cohesion among the population.

Minister Koffi Koffi is quoted in **Le Patriote (p. 7)** as saying, "By August of this year, the entire region, including the forest reserves, will be secured." The minister also called on the population to work closely with the new security forces in order to help them bring peace and stability to the region.

2. 30,000 former combatants return to civil life

- <http://www.linodrome.com/vie-politique/16158-situation-post-crise-l-addr-veut-briser-la-mefiance-entre-populations-et-ex-combattants>

Fidele Sarassoro, the head of the ADDR effort in the country – Demilitarization, Demobilization and Reintegration – is quoted in **L'Inter (p. 3)** as saying that 30,000 former combatants have now been returned to society in productive roles since the beginning of the ADDR program in 2012. According to the paper, Sarassoro was speaking over the weekend during a ceremony in the southeastern town of Aboisso where he also noted that more than 15,000 guns have been collected during the same period. The paper also quotes Norbert Gokui Zadi, the regional director of social cohesion within ADDR, as warning that, "The DDR process can only work in a peaceful environment." He encouraged the former combatants to engage in community service and work with local populations on conflict-resolution programs.

A report in opposition paper **Le Temps (p. 4)** says that 34,000 former combatants have yet to be disarmed. According to the paper, with 16 months to go until the 2015 presidential election, this poses a "serious threat" to the security of the upcoming election. The paper also says that unless the remaining soldiers are disarmed, Cote d'Ivoire is likely to "return to the same violence of 2011" in 2015.

3. Minister of Agriculture launches a project to boost cotton and cashew production

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501493.html>
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- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/16661-agriculture-le-psac-comme-r%C3%A9ponse-aux-pr%C3%A9occupations-des-planteurs>
- http://rti.ci/infos_societe_7501_le-ministre-de-l-agriculture-lance-le-projet-d-appui-au-secteur-agricole-a-korhogo.html
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/le-ministre-de-l-agriculture-lance-le-projet-d-appui-au-secteur-agricole-a-korhogo-22242.html>

Minister of Agriculture Mamadou Sangafowa Coulibaly launched over the weekend a project designed to increase and transform cotton and cashew production in the country reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 14)**. The comprehensive project includes the renovation of transportation routes and support of agriculture cooperatives for a total cost FCFA 43 billion (\$89 million). The report also says that the project is being supported by the French government as part of Cote d'Ivoire's debt relief program.

4. Cote d'Ivoire marks World Refugees Day

- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/journee-mondiale-des-refugies-le-hcr-invite-a-oeuvrer-pour-une-diminution-des-refugies-et-apatrides-22244.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/journee-mondiale-du-refugie-la-declaration-du-gouvernement-ivoirien-22199.html>

To mark World Refugees Day on Saturday, **Notre Voie (p. 8)** reports that refugees living in Cote d'Ivoire spoke out about their current living situation. The paper quotes Felicien N'Dinda Bahizi, a spokesperson for the refugees as saying, "The integration of refugees into local communities in Cote d'Ivoire is very difficult. Refugees are often threatened with eviction from their homes and their children cannot go to school because of the high costs of schooling." The paper quotes another refugee, Mohammed Toure, as calling on both the Ivoirian government and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees to give to those who qualify identification cards recognizing them as having refugee status.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

Ivory Coast cocoa reforms leave bittersweet taste

Financial Times

In the past 15 years, the World Bank has been involved in not one but two shake-ups of the way Ivory Coast runs its vital cocoa sector. In the interim ...

Nestle Sees New Plants Boosting Ivory Coast Coffee Output

Bloomberg

Nestle SA (NESN), the world's biggest coffee maker, is distributing disease-resistant plants to farmers in Ivory Coast to help the country increase ...

Growers in the Ivory Coast set to receive new coffee trees

World Coffee Press

Coffee farmers in the Ivory Coast will soon be receiving a batch of disease-resistant plants as part of an initiative to increase Robusta production in the ...

[Orange Côte d'Ivoire launches an advertising campaign "test" without approval](#)

Wireless Federation

The mobile phone company Orange Côte d'Ivoire began from a weekend campaign "test" on the "4G" without approval of the Telecommunications ...

[WFP Hunger Ambassador Jose Mourinho Shines Light On Child Victims of Forgotten Crisis](#)

AllAfrica.com

Cote d'Ivoire: WFP Hunger Ambassador Jose Mourinho Shines Light On Child Victims of Forgotten Crisis. 20 June 2014. Abidjan — World Food ...

[Africa's child death rate unchanged: UN](#)

Echonetdaily

Children in line to receive a hot meal at the Catholic mission in Duékoué, western Côte d'Ivoire. Photo: IRIN/Nancy Palus from www.un.org. Abidjan ...

[The African Development Bank @ 50](#)

BusinessDay

The bank commenced operations in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, in 1966, with an initial share capital of US\$470 million. The distinguished Sudanese ...

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1. Consultations for nomination of members of new electoral commission begins today
2. Interior and Security Minister says establishment of national identity card to begin in July
3. More people killed after heavy rains in Abidjan
4. Citibank group commits to support economic development in Cote d'Ivoire

1. Consultations for nomination of members of new electoral commission begins today

- <http://koaci.com/cote-divoire-promulquee-mise-place-annoncee-pour-juillet-92584.html>

Meetings between the government and opposition parties over who will be nominated to the new Independent Election Commission (CEI) will begin today reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 8)**. The paper quotes sources close to the negotiations as saying that the Minister of Interior and Security, Hamed Bakayoko, has been tasked with organizing the meetings. The paper quotes Gervais Coulibaly, the leader of the opposition CAP-UDD political party as saying, "We have been invited to meet with the minister of interior today on this issue and after this meeting we will make our choices from the opposition."

2. Interior and Security Minister says establishment of national identity card to begin in July

- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/plus-de-3-millions-d-ivoiriens-vont-beneficier-de-la-carte-nationale-d-identite-a-partir-du-15-juillet-22098.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501361.html>

Minister Bakayoko also announced yesterday that Cote d'Ivoire will unveil a new national identity card July 15 reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 9)**. According to the paper, the minister made this announcement after a visit to the national identification office. The paper also reports that new identity cards have not been issued since 2009. According to the minister, the office is equipped to process up to 20,000 applications and produce 3,000 to 4,000 identity cards each day. Bakayoko also noted, according to the paper, that the national ID cards will be fully produced in Cote d'Ivoire. He also described the technology of the new card by saying, "This card will include a chip that will contain personal information of the carrier."

A report in **Le Mandat (p. 3)** quotes Bakayoko as saying that at this time, an estimated three million Ivorian residents do not have identification cards since nothing new has been issued in the last five years. The paper notes that the new cards will cost FCFA 5000 (\$10).

3. More people killed after heavy rains in Abidjan

- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/fortes-pluies-en-cote-d-ivoire-12-nouveaux-morts-a-abidjan-22076.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/inondations-recurrentes-a-la-riviera-2-la-maison-d-alpha-blondy-menacee-de-destruction-22038.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/saison-de-pluie-un-troisieme-glissement-de-terrain-tue-encore-six-personnes-a-abidjan-22066.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501346.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501360.html>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/faits-et-mefaits/16134-pluies-diluviennes-des-familles-ensevelies-une-mosquee-s-ecroule-12-morts>
- <http://www.linodrome.com/societe-culture/16130-riviera-palmeraie-la-pluie-fait-encore-d-enormes-degats>
- http://www.cote-d-ivoire.net/news.php?id_syndic_article=233409

After several days of heavy rains, **Fraternite Matin (p. 4)** reports that several people have been killed. The paper notes that six people were killed in a mosque yesterday after a wall collapsed because of flood waters. According to the paper, 23 others were injured in the incident. In another case, a family of three, including a pregnant mother, was killed when a mudslide struck their home. The paper reports that the rain has caused extensive damage in Riviera Palmeraie, a neighborhood of Abidjan, which experienced widespread flooding.

Most of the death and damage occurred in poor areas of the city where shanty dwellings have been constructed reports **Soir Info (p. 7)**. This paper reports that a total of 12 people died yesterday alone because of the rains. According to **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 5)**, many people have been displaced due to the flooding, as well.

4. Citibank Group commits to support economic development in Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/le-premier-ministre-duncan-recoit-le-pdg-de-citibank-22069.html>

The head of Citibank Group in Cote d'Ivoire, James Cowles, yesterday met with Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan to discuss development in the country reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 15)**. According to the paper, discussions between the two focused on ways that the bank could contribute to economic development in Cote d'Ivoire. After the meeting, Cowles is quoted as saying, "We trust this country is a good investment because it has such a bright future ahead." Cowles is also reported as saying that Citibank Group is planning to integrate into its activities a plan called "Global Investment" in order to increase the bank's investment in Cote d'Ivoire.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

Ivory Coast conflict leaves legacy of land disputes

Capital FM Kenya

BANGOLO, June 19- As Ivory Coast strives to put more than a decade of bloody conflict behind it, courts in the agrarian west African nation are ...

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1. President Ouattara signs into law on electoral reform
2. Liberia court sentences 13 mercenaries to life in prison for fighting in Cote d'Ivoire
3. UN official says Cote d'Ivoire made progress in protecting displaced people
4. AfDB commits more than \$46 million to support national reconciliation in Cote d'Ivoire

1. President Ouattara signs into law on electoral reform

- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/cote-d-ivoire-alassane-ouattara-promulque-la-loi-sur-la-nouvelle-commission-electorale-21979.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501245.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501233.html>
- http://rti.ci/infos_Politique_7458_cote-d-ivoire-alassane-ouattara-promulque-la-loi-sur-la-nouvelle-commission-electorale.html
- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/16532-nouvelle-cei-la-loi-a-%C3%A9t%C3%A9-promulgu%C3%A9-ce-mercredi>

President Alassane Ouattara yesterday signed the new law on the electoral reform, reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 5)**. According to the paper, this was announced yesterday by government's spokesperson Bruno Kone after a cabinet meeting chaired by the President. The promulgation of the law came a day after the Constitutional Court rejected a petition submitted by 29 members of the National Assembly, seeking to stop the recently-passed reform of the Independent Electoral Commission (CEI). This step by the president, the paper indicates, is an important move towards assuring organization of next year's presidential elections in Cote d'Ivoire. The paper also says after the signing of the law, the next step will be the voter's registration process that will lead to the establishment of voter ID cards.

According to **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 3)**, the new members of the CEI will be appointed by July this year. The members of the electoral commission will then be sworn in by the Constitutional Court, reports the paper. A report in **Nord-Sud Quotidien (p. 2)** says the Ministry of Interior and Security will soon be meeting with political parties over the designation of their members for the commission.

2. Liberia court sentences 13 mercenaries to life in prison for fighting in Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/prison-a-vie-pour-13-liberiens-accuses-de-mercenariat-en-cote-d-ivoire-21978.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501247.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501228.html>

Several newspapers today including **Fraternite Matin (p. 9)** and **Soir Info (p. 3)** report that a court in Liberia yesterday sentenced to life in prison 13 people for recruiting mercenaries to go and fight in Cote d'Ivoire on behalf of former President Laurent Gbagbo. The papers also quotes a witness who testified in the trial that one of the alleged fighters used rocket-propelled grenades in an ambush and destroyed a UN vehicle, killing seven.

3. UN official says Cote d'Ivoire made progress in protecting displaced people

Dr. Chaloka Beyani, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation regarding human rights of internally displaced persons has commended Ivoirian authorities for their efforts in protecting the rights of displaced people, reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 10)**. According to the paper, Dr. Beyani, in Cote d'Ivoire for a five-day visit, yesterday met with UN Deputy Representative in Cote d'Ivoire Antoine Arnold Akodjenou. Dr. Beyani is also reported as saying that conflicts linked to land issues in rural areas have are under more control.

In a related story, the paper reports that the Minister of Family Solidarity, Women and Children, Anne Desiree Ouloto, announced the government's commitment to reintegrate internally displaced persons. Ouloto made the announcement after a meeting with Dr. Beyani yesterday in Abidjan, reports the paper. According to the paper, the discussion between Ouloto and Dr. Beyani focused on the social and economic reintegration of internally displaced persons.

4. AfDB commits more than \$46 million to support national reconciliation in Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501131.html>
- http://rti.ci/infos_economie_7438_plus-de-20-milliards-fcfa-de-la-bad-pour-la-paix-et-la-cohesion-en-cote-d-ivoire.html

A report in **Le Mandat (p. 5)** says that the African Development Bank (AfDB) has granted more than \$46 million to Cote d'Ivoire to help support the reconciliation process, peace and social cohesion in this country. The grant, according to the paper, will go toward three organizations including the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission (CDVR), the National Program for Social Cohesion (PNCS) and the Observatory for Solidarity and Social Cohesion (OSCS). The grant will enable these institutions to put in place reconciliation programs during 2014 and 2015.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

Liberia Sentences 13 to Life for Border Raids

ABC News

Liberian state radio is reporting that a judge has sentenced 13 men to life in prison for "mercenary activity" in neighboring Ivory Coast. The men were ...

Ivory Coast to issue 2-year, 60 bln CFA franc bond -treasury

Reuters Africa

ABIDJAN, June 18 (Reuters) - Ivory Coast will issue a 60 billion CFA franc (\$124 million) two-year treasury bond on June 24, the West African nation's ...

Cote d'Ivoire's Gets \$47m AfDB Support

spyghana.com

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has approved 46.3 million dollars to support post-election conflict reintegration programmes in Cote d'Ivoire.

AFC Financed \$385m Investments in 2013

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Some of the investments include a \$365 million toll bridge to ease congestion and aid economic development in Cote D'Ivoire. The investment, the ...

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1. Constitutional Council rejects petition over electoral reform
2. "Cote d'Ivoire has made significant progress towards peace," UN representative tells Security Council
3. Former president Gbagbo and French journalist to publish a book
4. U.S. Government supports program preventing HIV/AIDS in schools
5. Government, UN, humanitarian organizations discuss plan for population relocation

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- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501196.html>
- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/16494-nouvelle-cei-les-29-d%C3%A9put%C3%A9s-d%C3%A9bout%C3%A9s-par-le-conseil-constitutionnel>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/commission-electorale-la-requete-des-29-deputes-jugee-non-fondee-par-le-conseil-constitutionnel-21937.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/cote-d-ivoire-le-conseil-constitutionnel-rend-sa-decision-sur-sa-saisine-par-des-deputes-sur-la-commission-electorale-21941.html>
- <http://www.lebanco.net/banconet/bco22472.htm>

The president of the Constitutional Court, Francis Wodie, yesterday rejected a petition submitted last week by 29 members of the National Assembly, seeking to stop the recently-passed reform of the Independent Electoral Commission (CEI) reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 6)**. The paper notes Wodie as saying that the petition is legal, but "not fundamentally justifiable." The petition sought to stop the recent reform passed by the National Assembly that it stated made the CEI "imbalanced." In reaction to the decision, one of the deputies, Kramo Kouassi, called on everyone to accept the decision by the Constitutional Court.

L'Intelligent d'Abidjan (p. 4) quotes Bertin Konan Kouadio, another of the deputies, as alleging that the government influenced the decision of the Constitutional Court. The decision, according to **Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 4)** "rolls out the red carpet" for President Alassane Ouattara to win the 2015 presidential election. Another story in this paper suggests that a member of the opposition party should be appointed chair of the CEI in order to ensure balance.

In a related story, **Le Mandat (p. 8)** reports on a statement released by the head of the LIDER political party and announced presidential candidate, Mamadou Koulibaly, which says, "It is likely that the elections scheduled for 2015 will be delayed." The statement says that the delay would be due to the fact that "the electoral commission has not yet been established and many tasks including voter registration have to be completed before an election can take place."

According to a story in **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 2)**, the main opposition party, the FPI, will likely boycott the 2015 presidential election. The paper quotes Aboudrahamane Sangare, a leader in the party, as saying that unless former president Laurent Gbagbo is released from prison, the FPI will not take part in the election.

2. "Cote d'Ivoire has made significant progress towards peace," UN representative tells Security Council

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501180.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501136.html>
- http://rti.ci/infos_societe_7443_cote-d-ivoire-des-progres-enregistres-dans-le-processus-ddr-et-le-foncier-selon-le-rapporteur-special-de-l-onu.html

The UN representative of the Secretary General in Cote d'Ivoire, Aichatou Mindaoudou, is quoted in ***Fraternite Matin* (p. 8)**, as saying that the country has made "significant progress towards peace and reconciliation." She made the comments Monday at the UN Security Council meeting in New York. Mindaoudou also said, "The level of economic growth is impressive and investment and infrastructure is developing rapidly, which is creating an environment conducive to business growth." Mindaoudou also commended the government of the country for extending the mandate of the Commission on Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation (CDVR) and encouraged President Ouattara's government to continue dialogue with the opposition.

The UN, according to a report in ***L'Intelligent d'Abidjan* (p. 3)**, will help reinforce security in the country in advance of the 2015 presidential election in order to prevent any escalation of violence during the voting period.

3. Former president Gbagbo and French journalist to publish a book

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501110.html>

Former president Gbagbo, with help from French journalist Francois Mattei, will publish a book giving Gbagbo's account on the 2011 post-electoral crisis in Cote d'Ivoire reports ***L'Inter* (p. 2)**. The book, which will be released next week, on June 26, will also include conversations the author had with Gbagbo during his incarceration at the International Criminal Court (ICC). The paper says that Gbagbo explains in the book the role that former French President Nicolas Sarkozy played in removing him from power. On Gbagbo's trial at the ICC, the book quotes Gbagbo as saying, "I did nothing wrong and this trial will be an opportunity to tell the truth to the whole world."

4. U.S. government supports program preventing HIV/AIDS in schools

The U.S. government, through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), and the Ministry of Education have launched a school program that will help prevent HIV/AIDS among youth reports ***Fraternite Matin* (p. 10)**. The program will make HIV/AIDS education and healthy behaviors a part of the school curriculum in primary schools in Cocody, Yopougon, Bouake and Bingerville. The report quotes the head of the office of National Education, Kabran Assoumou, as commending the cooperation between the United States and Cote d'Ivoire in fighting HIV/AIDS.

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[Rapid response of peacekeeping force critical to 2015 polls in Cote d'Ivoire: UN envoy](#)

GlobalPost

UNITED NATIONS, June 16 (Xinhua) -- The reduction of peacekeeping personnel in Cote d'Ivoire will continue, but the rapid reaction capabilities of ...

[Ivory Coast yr/yr inflation rises to 0.9 pct in May -stats office](#)

Reuters

ABIDJAN, June 17 (Reuters) - Ivory Coast's year-on-year consumer price inflation jumped to 0.9 percent in May from deflation of 0.2 percent in April, ...

[Ghana is borrowing electricity from the Ivory Coast to ensure World Cup games are broadcast ...](#)

Yahoo Sports (blog)

Furthermore, Ghana's Public Utilities Regulatory Commission has confirmed that their neighbors the Ivory Coast will be supplying 50 megawatts of ...

[PayPal coming to Nigeria, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Zimbabwe](#)

ITWeb Africa

According to Reuters PayPal plans to enter 10 new countries this week including Nigeria, Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Zimbabwe. Starting on Tuesday ...

[With Peacekeeping Reductions in Côte d'Ivoire, Rapid Response Is Critical, UN Envoy Says](#)

AllAfrica.com

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2. **USAID supports training on investigative journalism**
3. **Leader of opposition party calls for new law on opposition statute**
4. **Prime Minister launches project for construction of new fishing port in Abidjan**
5. **Two killed in clash between government forces and youth in Bondoukou**

1. **USAID supports training to facilitate access to court services**

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501070.html>

The Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberties is organizing this week in Dimbokro, in central Cote d'Ivoire, a workshop to help the public better understand court services available to them reports **L'Expression (p. 4)**. The workshop is being organized in collaboration with the support of USAID. The training will help identify problems or obstacles that prevent the population from accessing the justice system and seek solutions. The paper reports that the seminar will also help build the capacities of court personnel in Dimbokro to help them to better serve the population.

2. **USAID supports training on investigative journalism**

Approximately 20 journalists from public and private media met last week in Yamoussoukro in a training on investigative journalism reports **Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 12)**. The training, also sponsored by USAID, in partnership with the Cote d'Ivoire Chamber of Commerce, was designed to help improve the journalists' ability to research and write on issues such as corruption and racketeering. The training was led by veteran Ivoirian journalist Zio Moussa, who gave the participants tools and techniques to investigate stories.

During the training, **Le Quotidien d'Abidjan (p. 6)** reports that the journalists watched a film on the Watergate Scandal; an event, the paper notes, which marked the beginning of modern investigative journalism in the United States. Reporting on the training, **L'Intelligent d'Abidjan (p. 9)** says that by organizing this training, the Chamber of Commerce and USAID want to use the media to fight corruption, impunity, and racketeering in Cote d'Ivoire.

3. **Leader of opposition party calls for new law on opposition statute**

The president of the Democratic Citizens Union party (UDCY), Theodore Mel Eg, has called for a new law on the opposition statute reports **L'Inter (p. 6)**. Eg made the call during a meeting of his party in Abidjan over the weekend. "The law should clearly state the rights and responsibilities of opposition parties," Eg is quoted as saying. Eg proposes a new law that allows the opposition to have the freedom of speech and the freedom to move freely around the country. According to the paper, the comments come in reaction to recent incidents in Odienne, Dabou, and Yopougon where the leader of the Ivoirian opposition, Pascal Affi N'Guessan, was prevented by the public from holding rallies.

4. **Prime Minister launches project for construction of new fishing port in Abidjan**

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501096.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/90-des-echanges-externes-de-la-cote-d-ivoire-passent-par-la-mer-selon-le-pm-kablan-duncan-21846.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/ceremonie-de-pose-de-la-premiere-pierre-des-travaux-de-modernisation-du-port-de-peche-21823.html>

Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan yesterday launched a project to construct a new fishing port in Abidjan reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 14)**. According to the paper, the project will cost FCFA 28.6 billion (\$59 million) and will be completed within 16 months. The paper also says that the new port

will allow Cote d'Ivoire to compete with similar fishing ports in Togo and Congo. The port is also estimated to help create 5,000 new jobs.

The prime minister is quoted in **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 9)** as saying that, "The new port will facilitate the return to Cote d'Ivoire of fishing companies that have moved to other countries. This project will also help Cote d'Ivoire to become the top fish producer in the West African region."

5. Two killed in clash between government forces and youth in Bondoukou

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501085.html>
- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-affrontements-entre-populations-frci-bondoukou-morts-92521.html>

Two are reported dead after a weekend clash between government forces and youth in Bondoukou, in eastern Cote d'Ivoire reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 12)**. According to the paper, the incident occurred when the government forces attempted to stop a vehicle loaded with cashews that they suspected to be smuggling the product into Ghana. According to a report in **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 16)**, the two killed include a soldier and one local youth.

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Children Seeking Their Families Via the Internet

AllAfrica.com

This new page (<http://familylinks.icrc.org/cote-d-ivoire>) has been added to the ICRC family-links site. All information gathered will be treated in a ...

With peacekeeping reductions in Côte d'Ivoire, rapid response is critical, UN envoy says

UN News Centre

Special Representative and Head of the UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) Aïchatou Mindaoudou briefs the Security Council. UN Photo/Devra ...

UN humanitarian chief to visit Cote d'Ivoire

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Amos is expected to visit Grabo in western Cote d'Ivoire to meet displaced people and the communities hosting them, as well as government officials ...

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- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501026.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/501019.html>
- http://rti.ci/infos_Afrique_7405_reunion-a-dakar-pour-financer-16-infrastructures-prioritaires-du-nepad.html

Leaders of West African countries including Senegal, Nigeria, Benin, and Mali met yesterday in Dakar to discuss infrastructure financing in the West African region reports

Fraternite Matin (p.6). The paper says that the World Bank reports that economic growth in the sub-Saharan Africa is expected to grow from 4.7 to 5.2 percent by the end of the year which will largely be achieved through investment in infrastructure. In his address to open the meeting, Senegalese President Macky Sall called on his counterparts to rely on their own resources and to reach out to develop public-private partnerships to mobilize additional funds. The paper adds that the leaders agreed to work jointly to implement 16 different projects in the region.

L'Intelligent d'Abidjan (p. 3) adds that vice president of the World Bank for Africa Makhtar Diop and president of the African Development Bank Daniel Kaberuka attended the session. The paper notes that Sall also said in his address that Africa should not continue to be a place where development money is spent with no return, but rather a site of investment. President Alassane Ouattara was represented at the meeting but did not attend.

2. Former president Laurent Gbagbo to appeal ICC decision

Former Ivoirian president Laurent Gbagbo will appeal the International Criminal Court's (ICC) decision last week to open a trial against him over alleged charges of crimes against humanity, murder and other inhumane acts reports **L'Inter (p. 3)**. According to the daily, Gbagbo's attorney Emmanuel Altit submitted the request for an appeal to the Hague-based court on Friday. The paper notes that Altit argues that the former president was not formally notified of the charges against him and that the court decision has been given in English and not in French, the only language Cote d'Ivoire's former president speaks and understands naturally.

L'Intelligent d'Abidjan (p. 2) notes that Gbagbo has called on supporters to remain upbeat. "I've been in politics for forty years and I know how messy it can be. The truth will come out in the trial," Gbagbo is reported as saying in a recent phone call to supporters. **Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 5)** carries a similar account, adding that according to Pan-African weekly *Jeune Afrique*, the Gbagbo trial may not begin for another year or more, depending on the court's decision to agree or to reject Gbagbo's appeal.

3. A coalition of deputies calls for reconsideration of electoral body

- <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/100291/cote-divoire-cei-polemique-29-deputes-pdci-saisissent-conseil-constitutionnel>

- <http://koaci.com/cote-divoire-deputes-saisissent-conseil-constitutionnel-conformite-nouvelle--92510.html>

A group of members of the National Assembly met yesterday in Abidjan where they called on the Constitutional Council to revisit the recent changes made to the Independent Electoral Commission (CEI) reports **L'Inter (p. 4)**. 29 members of the National Assembly are involved, 26 of whom are from the PDCI party. Last month, the National Assembly agreed to reconfigure the CEI to limit the commission to 17 members. This group is saying that the new configuration is not "fair" and is not accordance with the law.

The spokesperson for the group, Kramo Kouassi, is quoted in **Le Quotidien d'Abidjan (p. 5)** as denouncing the fact that the new CEI has four representatives from the president's office who are all from the RDR party. Further, he notes that there are actually seven members that represent the presidency including the representative from the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ministry of Interior, and another representative from his cabinet. Kouassi called on the head of the Constitutional Council, Francis Wodie, to rule on the case.

Soir Info (p. 5) adds that given the new opposition, this will likely delay the final approval of the reconfigured CEI.

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[Ivory Coast's Gbagbo to be tried at Hague for election violence](#)

Reuters Africa

By Thomas Escritt and Joe Bavier. AMSTERDAM/ABIDJAN (Reuters) - Former Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo is to be tried at the International ...

[Ex-Leader of Ivory Coast Is Ordered to Stand Trial](#)

New York Times

DAKAR, Senegal — Laurent Gbagbo, the former Ivory Coast strongman whose refusal to accept electoral defeat in 2010 set off a brief but bloody civil ...

[Cote d'Ivoire, Israel sign two cooperation deals](#)

StarAfrica.com

Mr. Lieberman expressed to the Ivorian leader his satisfaction over the friendly relations between his country and Cote d'Ivoire dating from 1961.

[UN expert on IDP follow up visit to Cote d'Ivoire](#)

StarAfrica.com

The United Nations independent expert Chaloka Beyani will visit Côte d'Ivoire from 16 to 20 June 2014 to undertake a follow up mission on the ...

[Rice import ban angers Ivory Coast](#)

GhanaWeb

The Bureau for Internal Affairs (BIA), an anti-corruption organization, says there is an ongoing trade conflict between Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.

[Reactivating 'dead' rural capital to reduce poverty](#)

Devex

There is, however, a way to change this, according to Mamadou Sangafowa, agriculture minister of the Ivory Coast, who spoke at a recent high-level ...

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3. **New ambassadors take office in Cote d'Ivoire**
4. **Strike reported at Abidjan main university**

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- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/le-parti-de-ouattara-salue-la-confirmation-des-charges-contre-gbagbo-a-la-cpi-21582.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/laurent-akoun-fpi-cette-decision-ne-contribue-quere-a-la-reconciliation-nationale-21576.html>
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- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/apres-la-confirmation-des-charges-contre-lui-laurent-gbagbo-superstar-dans-la-presse-ivoirienne-21592.html>
- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/16336-confirmation-de-charges-contre-gbagbo-la-cpi-donne-des-explications>
- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/16334-cpi-la-chambre-pr%C3%A9liminaire-i-confirme-les-charges-contre-laurent-gbagbo>
- <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/100187/cpi-cote-divoire-human-rights-watch-reagit-decision-juger-laurent-gbagbo>
- <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/100185/cote-divoire-urgent-cpi-confirme-les-4-charges-contre-laurent-gbagbo-officiel>
- <http://www.lebanco.net/banconet/bco22411.htm>
- <http://www.lebanco.net/banconet/bco22406.htm>
- <http://www.lebanco.net/banconet/bco22409.htm>
- <http://www.lebanco.net/banconet/bco22407.htm>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500753.html>
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- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500791.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500775.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500763.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500761.html>

The International Criminal Court decided yesterday that former President Gbagbo will be tried for crimes against humanity, reports *Fraternite Matin* (p. 8-9). He will be charged on four counts including murder allegedly committed during the 2010-2011 election standoff, the paper says. *L'Intelligent d'Abidjan* (p.4-5) notes that the much-anticipated decision was made by the ICC pre-trial chamber. *L'Inter* (p. 2-4) reports that one of ICC three judges dissented

however. This development has been welcomed by the government and pro-government organizations according to **Le Patriote** (p. 2-4) and **Le Nouveau Reveil** (p. 2-6). Opposition papers, including **Aujourd'hui** (p. 2-4), **Le Nouveau Courrier** (p. 2-4) and **Notre Voie** (p. 4-6) are rejecting this as a political decision, and say that the decision will not advance reconciliation efforts in Cote d'Ivoire.

2- FPI dignitary Don Mello Ahoua arrested in Cameroon **Fraternite Matin**

- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-interpellation-dahoua-mello-gouvernement-content-lopposition-affligee-92467.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/arrestation-au-cameroun-d-ahoua-don-mello-proche-de-laurent-gbagbo-21528.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/le-gouvernement-ivoirien-confirme-l-arrestation-d-ahoua-don-mello-au-cameroun-21539.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/cameroun-arrestation-d-un-ex-ministre-ivoirien-proche-de-laurent-gbagbo-21538.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/arrestation-au-cameroun-d-ahoua-don-mello-proche-de-laurent-gbagbo-21528.html>
- <http://fratmat.info/politique/item/16330-coop%C3%A9ration-polici%C3%A8re-ahoua-don-mello-arr%C3%AAt%C3%A9-au-cameroun>
- <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/100157/cote-divoire-don-mello-arrete-au-cameroun>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500770.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500754.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500739.html>

Mr. Don Mello Ahoua, an official from the FPI party and former minister in ex-president Laurent Gbagbo's administration was arrested and released later yesterday in Cameroon where he has been in exile reports **Fraternite Matin** (p. 10). The daily notes that an arrest warrant was issued against Mr. Ahoua in 2011. This development came few days after the president of the Ivoirian National Assembly Guillaume Soro visited Cameroon reports **L'Inter** (p. 5), **Soir Info** (p. 6) and **Le Patriote** (p. 5). Opposition papers **Notre Voie** (p. 6), **Le Nouveau Courrier** (p. 9), **Le Temps** (p. 4) denounce Mr. Ahoua's arrest and welcomed his release.

3- New ambassadors take office in Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-ouattara-recoit-leglise-pour-agre-ambassadeurs-palais-92479.html>
- <http://www.lebanco.net/banconet/bco22410.htm>

The new Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire from India, Dinesh Bhatia, from Cuba, Maite Rivero, and from Australia, Joanna Adamson, officially handed over their credentials to President Alassane Outtara yesterday reports **Fraternite Matin** (p. 7). The event took place at the presidential palace, the paper adds. According to **Le Patriote** (p. 5) all three pledged to build on the relationship between Cote d'Ivoire and their respective countries. Ambassador Rivero is the first Ambassador from Cuba to Cote d'Ivoire.

4- Strike reported at Abidjan's main university, FHB.

The professors at Universite Felix Houphouet-Boigny started a strike for overdue overtime pay yesterday reports **LG Info** (p. 5). The total amount they claim to be owed is F CFA 3 billion (US \$ 6 million), the paper adds. **Aujourd'hui** (p. 8) notes that they have stated that they will strike indefinitely until the government pays these wages. The government has been promising since last May to pay, but so far has not done so. Classes are still in session, so this will disrupt the exam schedule.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/world/icc-to-try-i-coast-s-gbagbo-for-crimes-against-humanity/article/386464>

The International Criminal Court said Thursday it will try Ivory Coast's ex-president Laurent Gbagbo for...

<http://www.trust.org/item/20140613065100-i1cnq/>

Brussels) - The June 12, 2014 decision by the [International Criminal Court](#) (ICC) by a majority of judges...

<http://www.spyghana.com/cote-divoire-gets-75m-imf-support/>

The Board's decision, which was taken without a formal meeting, enables the immediate disbursement of...

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201406120584.html>

Always the bridesmaids, never the bride. Ivory Coast have always come ever so close to a trophy in the Africa Cup of Nations...

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- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500715.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500684.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500671.html>
- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/16293-jos%C3%A9-mario-vaz-%E2%80%98%E2%80%98le-pr%C3%A9sident-ouattara-a-beaucoup-fait-pour-la-quin%C3%A9-bissau%E2%80%99%E2%80%99>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/le-president-elu-de-la-guinee-bissau-jose-mario-vaz-exprime-sa-reconnaissance-a-ouattara-21483.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/le-chef-de-l-etat-a-echange-avec-le-nouveau-president-elu-de-la-guinee-bissau-21481.html>
- <http://koaci.com/cote-divoire-president-bissau-guineen-abidjan-visite-damitie-travail-92426.html>

Jose Mario Baz, the newly-elected president of Guinea Bissau, visited with Ivorian president Alassane Ouattara yesterday reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 4)**. According to the paper, Baz said that he was visiting Cote d'Ivoire to "thank Ouattara for all that he has done to bring stability in Guinea Bissau." Baz said that while President Ouattara was chairman of ECOWAS, the Economic Community of West African States, he played a critical role to mitigate the political crisis in Guinea Bissau. He added that Ouattara's leadership helped the country organize elections after a military uprising. President Ouattara is quoted as saying, "You can still rely on us and we will do all we can to continue to support your country."

President Ouattara is quoted as saying in **Nord Sud Quotidien (p. 5)** that the elections recently won by Baz were "peaceful and fair." **Le Patriote (p. 4)** adds that Baz has met with leaders of other West African nations including Burkina Faso and Togo.

2. Guillaume Soro speaks to Cameroon National Assembly

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500696.html>
- <http://www.lebanco.net/banconet/bco22397.htm>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/en-visite-au-cameroun-pourquoi-quillaume-soro-president-de-l-assemblee-nationale-ivoirien-s-est-rebelle-21492.html>

The entire text of a speech given by Ivoirian National Assembly president Guillaume Soro before the National Assembly of Cameroon is published in today's **Nord Sud Quotidien (pp. 2-4)**. The wide-ranging speech touched on topics such as why Soro decided to lead the rebellion in the 2000's and why he decided to support President Ouattara after the 2010 presidential election. "I decided to stand up against 'Ivoirite' which was actually a form of xenophobia and bias," Soro is quoted as saying. He also said, "In Cote d'Ivoire, people tried to put citizens in different categories, even though all should be equal in rights and duties."

Soro was invited to speak by the president of Cameroon National Assembly, Djibril Cavaye reports **L'Intelligent d'Abidjan (p. 4)**, adding that the two men share similar philosophies in dealing with issues facing the African continent. **L'Inter (p. 2)** notes that several members of the chamber left the room while Soro was speaking, as a form of protest.

On the opposition side, **Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 5)** says that Soro was “not welcomed” at the Cameroon National Assembly. The paper also says that Soro tried “in vain” to explain why he led the rebellion in Cote d’Ivoire. **Le Temps (p. 3)** alleges that Soro was “yelled at” by the Cameroonian opposition.

3. IMF offers funds to support Cote d’Ivoire’s economy

- <http://www.linodrome.com/economie/16054-le-fmi-approuve-un-decaissement-de-37-500-milliards-fcfa-a-la-cote-d-ivoire>

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has offered \$75.2 million in funding to support projects in Cote d’Ivoire reports **L’Inter (p. 11)**. The funds are part of a three year agreement between the country and the IMF to support the Ivoirian economy, signed in 2011. The paper cites the IMF as saying that the country has been “performing well” in recent years. The funds will be used to reinforce public finances, restructure public banks, and enhance the business climate. The paper also adds that an economic growth rate of 8.5 percent is expected in 2014.

With these funds, the government now has new funds to finance projects such as the universal health care program and development projects reports **Le Patriote (p. 16)**.

In a related story in **L’Intelligent d’Abidjan (p. 8)**, the World Bank says that developing countries are not doing as well as expected. As a result, the bank has revised previous expectations for economic growth in the region. The paper quotes World Bank president Jin Yon Kim as saying that development rates are not at the level they need to be to create the number of jobs needed in developing countries.

4. Speculation continues ahead of Gbagbo’s trial

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500714.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500712.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/500695.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499633.html>
- <http://www.lebanco.net/banconet/bco22400.htm>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/le-verdict-de-l-audience-de-confirmation-des-charges-contre-gbagbo-sera-connu-par-ecrit-vendredi-21485.html>

If the trial of former Ivoirian president Laurent Gbagbo is opened, it will be “very difficult” to find sufficient evidence against him says a report in **Aujourd’hui (p. 4)**. The paper cites a report in the French journal *Mediapart* which analyzes the case against Gbagbo, saying that the majority of the evidence comes from NGOs and newspapers that will not stand up in court. The report also says that there is “no direct link” between Gbagbo and the crimes committed during the post-electoral crisis in 2011.

The ruling RDR party spokesperson, Joel N’Guessan, is quoted in **L’Intelligent d’Abidjan (p. 5)** as saying that, “Those who have not committed crimes are not sent to the International Criminal Court (ICC).”

The credibility of the ICC is at stake says **Le Temps (pp. 6-7)**, comparing the plight of Gbagbo to that of Nelson Mandela. The paper also alleges that “the ICC has taken democracy hostage in Cote d’Ivoire.” In addition, it says that Ouattara “fears” Gbagbo’s release from prison.

Gbagbo is accused of crimes committed during four acts reports **Le Patriote (p. 6)**. The crimes include the attack on the national television station RTI; the massacre of women in Abobo; the attack of a market in Abobo; and a massacre in Yopougon. **Le Nouveau Reveil (pp. 2-3)** says that given the amount of evidence, there is “no reason” to believe that Gbagbo will be released and that his supporters will be disappointed when the trial is finally opened.

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[Liberia convicts 13 men for cross-border raids targeting neighboring Ivory Coast](#)

Fox News

MONROVIA, Liberia – A defense lawyer says a court in Liberia has found 13 men guilty of cross-border "mercenary activity" in neighboring Ivory Coast ...

[Sexual violence cases in Liberia and Ivory Coast a challenge to justice](#)

The Guardian

But in Ivory Coast, the chances of getting the cases to court are slim, even with documented evidence. The justice system is weak and, after a decade ...

[Ghana to raise cocoa price high enough to stop smuggling](#)

Reuters Africa

Ghana's falling cedi currency has fuelled smuggling of cocoa into Ivory Coast since October, reversing a trend. [ID:nL6N0NY34S]. "The government is ...

[Ivory Coast – the Catholic Church needs to continue promoting the reconciliation process](#)

Aid to the Church in Need (press release)

Ivory Coast needs a continual process of reconciliation. This was the message of Father Alphonse N'guessan, the national director of the pontifical ...

[Cameroon-Cote d'Ivoire: Guillaume Soro on a working visit in Cameroon](#)

Cameroon Radio Television

It is worth noting that Cameroon and the Cote d'Ivoire have reinforced bilateral cooperation recently. Guillaume Soro is the third personality to visit ...

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4. **World second top producer, Cote d'Ivoire takes steps to increase its production of cashews**

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- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499621.html>
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- <http://www.linodrome.com/societe-culture/16027-pluies-diluviennes-sur-abidjan-le-carrefour-de-l-indenie-inonde>

Yesterday's heavy rains in Abidjan caused flooding throughout the city reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 10)**. According to the paper, the flooding resulted in significant traffic problems as cars were unable to pass on flooded roadways. Many activities were cancelled as a result. The paper notes that there have been no casualties, but numerous homes were destroyed and the property damage is extensive. Last week, six people died in similar flooding.

The heavy rains have forced hundreds to abandon their homes in low-lying areas reports **Soir Info (p. 10)**. The paper notes that mudslides are also a concern for people living in areas next to hills. **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 16)** reports that work by the government to improve water drainage in the city has not been sufficient. The paper says that the government must do more to allow for a better system of water flow. This paper reports that one person died as a result of the flooding. **Le Patriote (p. 14)** reports the government as saying that all work to improve drainage will be done in the next ten months.

Opposition papers **Notre Voie (p. 8)** **Le Temps (p. 3)** both carry stories blaming the government for not doing enough to prevent this damage during the annual rainy season. Both papers also note that the Indenie area, in between two major neighborhoods in the city, was the most affected.

2. African audio-visual experts meet in Abidjan this week

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499627.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/communication-audiovisuelle-colloque-international-les-reflexions-sur-la-regulation-ont-debute-hier-21341.html>

According to **Fraternite Matin (p. 14)** experts in audio-visual technology from across Africa are meeting in Abidjan this week for a two-day workshop on improving regulation and monitoring of content on the continent. The meeting is being held by the government audio-visual governing body, the High Authority for Audio-Visual Communications (HACA). According to the paper, participants are discussing ways to update legal provisions regarding the regulation of audio-visual content and monitoring that content to make sure that broadcast entities comply. The effort is to take into better account new ways of disseminating information such as through social media.

A total of 150 experts from 33 African countries are taking part in the conference reports **Soir Info (p. 14)**. Those taking part are all a part of an organization called the Network of African

Communication Regulation Authorities (RIARC). Four sessions are being held throughout the two day conference.

President of HACA, Ibrahim Sy Savane, is quoted in ***L'Intelligent d'Abidjan* (p. 9)** as saying, "We need to setup a legal framework to ensure better regulation of the audio visual sector."

3. 3000 contractors to be integrated into Ivoirian public service

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499610.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499629.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499610.html>
- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-ouattara-integre-3000-enseignants-contractuels-fonction-publique-92413.html>

3000 contractors who have been working as extra teachers in the country's public schools since 2011 will be incorporated into the government. ***Fraternite Matin* (p. 13)** reports that President Alassane Ouattara recently signed a decree to officially change their status civil servants. The decision was welcomed by the chairman of the employees association, Souleymane Diomande, who commended Ouattara for the measure. ***Soir Info* (p. 11)** carries a similar account, adding that these teachers were initially recruited to address the shortage of teachers in the former rebel-controlled north, as well as the center and western regions of the country. ***Le Quotidien d'Abidjan* (p. 8)** adds that the decision has been long-awaited.

4. World second top producer, Cote d'Ivoire takes steps to increase its production of cashews

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499630.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499599.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499610.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/anacarde-la-cote-d-ivoire-ambitionne-de-produire-plus-de-800-000-tonnes-a-l-horizon-2020-21347.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/lancement-d-un-salon-pour-relever-le-defi-de-la-transformation-locale-de-l-anacarde-21335.html>

According to a report in ***Le Patriote* (p. 13)**, the government is committed to increasing the production and processing of cashews in Cote d'Ivoire. At an event yesterday in Abidjan, officials in charge of cashew promotion said that efforts are being made to process up to 35 percent of Cote d'Ivoire's production of cashews locally by next year. As of now, only 5 percent of production is processed in Cote d'Ivoire, the paper says.

***L'Inter* (p. 10)** notes that 90 percent of cashews produced in Cote d'Ivoire are exported for processing in countries like India, Vietnam, and Brazil. An international workshop on the cashew is scheduled in Abidjan later this year according to Diarrassouba N'Golo, an official from the Ministry of Agriculture who announced major reforms to streamline the sector.

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www.worldbulletin.net

Authorities in Ghana and Ivory Coast are seeking a peaceful solution to a lingering boundary dispute set off by the discovery of vast oil reserves in a ...

[Ivory Coast gets fewer bids than hoped for 8-year bond - bond manager](#)

Reuters

ABIDJAN, June 10 (Reuters) - Ivory Coast received 61 billion CFA francs (\$126 million) of bids for an 8-year bond with a coupon of 6.55 percent, ...

[Togo goes high-tech in crackdown on ivory smuggling](#)

gulfnews.com

The first results indicated that the consignment of ivory seized in 2013 came largely from Ivory Coast, Ghana, Guinea and Liberia as well as Cameroon ...

[Three arrested over smuggling of agro-chemicals](#)

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The vehicle was heading towards neighbouring La Cote d' Ivoire and it had to be escorted back to Juaboso. Comments: This article has no comments ...

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1. Displaced people from the Guemon region received government-built houses

Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan traveled to the Guemon region in western Cote d'Ivoire on Saturday to hand over keys to newly built homes for displaced people in the region reports **Fraternite Matin (pp. 4-5)**. The paper reports that the construction of the homes is part of the government's response to the number of internally displaced people living in the country. A total of 700 units have been constructed as part of the project, providing housing for 1,500 people. "This action will help give hope to the people of the region," Duncan is quoted as saying. Joining the prime minister at the event was Minister of Planning and Development Albert Mabri Toikeusse and the head of World Bank in Cote d'Ivoire Ousman Diagana. The World Bank helped to finance the project.

Le Patriote (p. 3) adds that Duncan called on the population to work for reconciliation and peace, saying that this project by the government should aid in the process. In **Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 6)**, the mayor of Duekoue thanked the prime minister for the housing before requesting additional assistance. He is quoted as asking for a "Marshall Plan" for the region. **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 4)** notes that also as a part of this project, major roads in the region will be refurbished to ease transportation.

2. Former president Laurent Gbagbo's hearing likely to be postponed

- <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/100061/cote-divoire-exclusif-cpi-vers-2e-ajournement-requalification-charges>

Several papers report on the confirmation of charges hearing scheduled for later this week at the International Criminal Court (ICC) at The Hague. **Aujourd'hui (p. 2)** reports that according to "insiders," the hearing is likely to be postponed again. The paper notes that the ICC judges are still looking for additional evidence before opening the trial. The paper also says that the original charges against the former president are likely to be changed.

Soir Info (p. 3) says that after 475 days of discussion, people involved in the trial are still not able to come to an agreement on the charges. According to the paper, Gbagbo's attorneys say that they "won" the preliminary stages of the trial, but that the process is not yet over. At the same time, the paper notes that Gbagbo supporters should not "rejoice" because the "race is far from finished." **L'Inter (p. 3)** adds that this week will be a "decisive" week for Gbagbo as the judges have until Friday to decide if the trial will be opened.

ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda is trying to gain additional time before the confirmation of charges reports **Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 5)**. The paper says that this is a "stall tactic."

3. FPI president forced to call off meeting in Touba

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499535.html>

The president of the opposition FPI party, Pascal Affi N'Guessan, was forced to call off a meeting on Saturday in Touba, in northwestern Cote d'Ivoire reports **Nord Sud Quotidien (p. 4)**. According to the paper, the mayor of the town signed a decree "forbidding" the meeting from taking place. The mayor, Bamba Lamine, said that Affi N'Guessan was "arrogant" and that his attitude was "insulting" toward youth. He further said that Affi N'Guessan is not taking into account the lives lost during the crisis in 2011 and that his rhetoric is "not conducive to peace."

Opposition paper **Notre Voie (p. 4)** claims that FPI supporters were “attacked” in Touba. According to the paper, once the meeting was banned by the mayor from taking place in a public space, supporters gathered in a private residence where they were accosted. In an interview after the incident, Affi N’Guessan denounced the attack and the mayor’s decision to ban the meeting. “The government is being held hostage by the ruling RDR party,” Affi N’Guessan is quoted as saying.

Le Temps (p. 6) adds that Affi N’Guessan called on the government to “stop its conflicting messages on reconciliation.”

4. Cameroon MPs oppose visit of Ivorian Speaker Guillaume Soro

- <http://www.lebanco.net/banconet/bco22372.htm>
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- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/le-sdf-principal-parti-d-opposition-s-oppose-a-la-visite-parlementaire-de-guillaume-soro-au-cameroun-21242.html>

President of the Ivorian National Assembly Guillaume Soro is visiting Cameroon today, but his visit is being opposed by members of the Cameroonian parliament reports **Notre Voie (p. 6)**. According to the paper, members of the Social Democratic Front (SDF) oppose the visit because Soro “used violence and arms to reach his position.” The paper says that the members of the party feel that by accepting him into their chambers, they are accepting his behavior. Fellow opposition paper **Le Temps (p. 3)** has the same story, adding that these members of parliament have also requested the release of former president Gbagbo.

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5. **PEPFAR supports campaign against HIV/AIDS in eastern Cote d'Ivoire**
6. **Mudslide kills six in Abidjan**

1. **Cote d'Ivoire and Senegal launches parliamentary diplomacy initiative**

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499426.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/v/16623.html>

Bilateral relations between Cote d'Ivoire and Senegal were the major issues during a meeting yesterday between the President of the Ivoirian National Assembly, Guillaume Soro and his Senegalese counterpart, Moustapha Niasse, reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 6)**. The two speakers also discussed ways to promote parliamentary diplomacy, including platforms that will enable Cote d'Ivoire and Senegal to address issues confronting the West African region. Niasse, who led an important delegation of parliamentarians, is in Abidjan this week as part of a partnership between the two National Assemblies. Yesterday, the delegation participated in a meeting with their Ivoirian counterparts to discuss partnership in sectors including health, gender and agriculture.

According to a report in **L'Inter (p. 6)**, Soro and Niasse yesterday approved a program designed to foster cooperation between Cote d'Ivoire and Senegal and development in the West African region.

2. International Declaration of Human Rights translated into three local languages
(**Fraternité Matin (p. 6)** and **L'Inter (p. 2)**) report that UNESCO Representative in Cote d'Ivoire Ydo Yao visited the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights to formally present Minister Gnénéma Coulibaly with copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights translated into Baoule, Malinke, and Guere. The Minister welcomed the initiative, explaining that Baoule and Malinke were the two most commonly spoken local languages in Cote d'Ivoire and that Guere was the language of the group that had most suffered human rights violations – most notably during the recent post-electoral crisis. UNESCO is also encouraging the Government to incorporate information about the Universal Declaration into literacy programs.

3. **Meeting between opposition leader and former first lady cancelled**

- <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/99974/odienne-les-portes-ville-maternelle-ouattara-fermees-au-parti-gbagbo>
- <http://koaci.com/cote-divoire-manifestation-odienne-contre-larrivee-pascal-affi-nguessan-92289.html>
- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-rencontre-affi-simone-gbagbo-annulee-pour-cause-securite-92308.html>

Several newspapers report the cancellation of FPI President Affi N'Guessan's planned visit to Odienne, including a visit to Simone Gbagbo, who is detained in that city. **L'Inter (p.5)**, **L'Expression (p. 3)**, and **Nord Sud (p. 4)** all describe this as a decision made by the Mayor, Diane Nasseneba Toure. These papers quote the Mayor as justifying her decision on the basis that the FPI had not informed her of the visit and the challenge of maintaining order in the face of the opposition of local youth. Opposition newspapers, **Notre Voie (p.4)** and **Le Nouveau Courrier (p.4)** report that it was Interior Minister Hamed Bakayoko that informed Affi N'Guessan that it would not be possible to

guarantee their security. **Le Temps (p.5)** and **Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 4)** claim that it was the local authorities, led by the Mayor that mobilized opposition to Affi N'Guessan's visit.

4. Minister of agriculture and donors meet to explore ways to fund agricultural sector

A report in **Le Patriote (p. 13)** says the Minister of Agriculture, Mamadou Sangafowa Coulibaly, yesterday met representatives of international financial groups to explore ways to get more funding for the Ivorian private agricultural sector. The meeting was to enable heads of the private companies to understand mechanisms of funding from international financial institutions (IFIs) including, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the French Development Agency (AFD) and the West African Development Bank (BOAD) to develop the agricultural sector.

The minister of agriculture, who was speaking at the meeting, is reported by **Notre Voie (p. 7)** as saying that "The government continues to implement reforms aimed at improving investments in the sector." Coulibaly also said, "As the country is moving toward the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) eligibility, the government is taking steps to improve business environment in Cote d'Ivoire."

5. PEPFAR supports campaign against HIV/AIDS in eastern Cote d'Ivoire

PEPFAR and ANADER, a government agency for rural development have jointly launched an awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS in Agnibilekro, eastern Cote d'Ivoire, reports **L'Expression (p. 9)**. According to the paper, nine villages have been selected to take part in campaign designed to reduce women's vulnerability in the fight against the disease.

6. Mudslide kills six in Abidjan

- <http://news.abidjan.net/p/191880.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499417.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499415.html>
- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/16133-glissement-de-terrain-%C3%A0-abidjan-att%C3%A9couub%C3%A9-au-moins-trois-enfants-parmi-les-morts>
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- <http://www.koaci.com/cote-divoire-moins-morts-apres-eboulement-abidjan-92286.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/v/16624.html>

A report in **Fraternite Matin (p. 11)** says six people were killed yesterday in a mudslide as a result of heavy rains in Abidjan. The incident occurred in Mossikro, a poor neighborhood in the Yopougon district. According to the paper, the national Office for Civilian Protection (ONPC) recently organized a campaign to encourage people living in flood-prone and other dangerous areas to leave the zones.

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5. Government to commit US \$17 million to boost coffee production
6. Ivoirian Bar Association expresses concerns about bill on commercial court
7. UN Special Representative for West Africa calls for collection action to ensure security in West Africa

1. Head of CDVR holds talks with U.S. Ambassador-at-Large Stephen Rapp

- <http://rti.ci/replay.php?chaîne=emirti1&genre=elmtjtrti1&id=453067878&annee=&mois=&jour=&titre=pr-sidence-conseil-des-ministres-l-insalubrit>

Ambassador-at-Large Stephen Rapp met with Chairman of the Dialogue, Peace, and Reconciliation Commission (CDVR) Charles Konan Banny. **Le Mandat (p.6)** notes that Banny described the activities of the CDVR – including the difficulty of conducting hearings when “some executioners are still at liberty, and others have become more powerful.” **L’Inter (p.2)** cites Ambassador Rapp as deploring one-sided justice. Both newspapers indicate that Rapp promised USG support for the CDVR.

2. American firm wins bid for waste management in Cote d'Ivoire

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499369.htm>
- <http://www.lebanco.net/banconet/bco22329.htm>
- <http://rti.ci/replay.php?chaîne=emirti1&genre=elmtjtrti1&id=453067878&annee=&mois=&jour=&titre=pr-sidence-conseil-des-ministres-l-insalubrit>

Fraternité Matin (p.4) reports that the Council of Ministers has granted an American consortium, *Wise Solutions Cdi*, the concession for solid waste management – cleaning streets and sewers, the collection of trash and transport to central facilities, recycling and resale of salvageable materials, and a public affairs campaign to promote public sanitation. **L’Inter (p.10)** reports that this decision does not please local companies involved in solid waste management.

3. Government announces new national identity card

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499356.html>
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- <http://fratmat.info/politique/item/16109-carte-nationale-didentit%C3%A9-le-gouvernement-fixe-le-droit-de-timbre-%C3%A0-5000-fcfa>
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A report in **Fraternité Matin (pp. 4&5)** says the government yesterday announced modalities for the resumption of population identification in Cote d'Ivoire. The announcement was made after a cabinet

meeting chaired by President Alassane Ouattara. The report also says that the government has entrusted the population identification and establishment of national identity cards to the National Office of Identification (ONI). According to the paper, yesterday's decision was in accordance with the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement signed in 2007 by the government of ex-president Laurent Gbagbo and the former New Forces rebel movement. The paper also quotes the agreement as saying, "The government shall proceed with ordinary population identification two years after general elections." The agreement also stipulates that "This ordinary population identification will consist of issuance of national identity cards and residence permits for people living on the Ivoirian territory."

A report in **Le Patriote (p. 4)** says the government has fixed the rate of establishment of new biometric identity card at FCFA 5,000 (about US \$10). The paper also explains that the rate takes into account the cost of the stamp and electronic processing of the card.

On opposition side, **Notre Voie (p. 5)** notes that the distribution of national identity cards was free under the previous regime. The paper also indicates that this decision, which will take effect from July this year, comes at the time of a general impoverishment in Cote d'Ivoire

Soir Info (p. 5) shares the same point of view saying that this decision, which has been taken at a time when Ivoirians are facing a high cost of living could be damaging to the government. The paper suggests that many Ivoirians may not apply for their identity card before the 2015 presidential elections.

4. Youth protests against Affi N'Guessan's visit to Odienné

L'Expression (p. 4) carries a banner headline that "Odienné bars the route to Affi," reporting (p.4) that several youth demonstrated in town and in front of the mayor's office in opposition to Affi's planned visit to Odienné today, which will include a visit to Simone Gbagbo. **L'Inter (p.5)** also reports on the protests, while noting that the Prefet is making preparations for the visit to take place.

5. Government to commit US \$17 million to boost coffee production

The coffee and cocoa board has launched a project designed to streamline the coffee sector, reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 16)**. According to the paper, the project will help increase coffee productivity from 100,000 tons to 200,000 tons by the year 2020. The project will also help raise productivity to 3.5 tons of coffee per hectare and will cost the state FCFA 8 billion about US \$17 million.

6. Ivoirian Bar Association expresses concerns about bill on commercial courts

- <http://www.lebanco.net/banconet/bco22329.htm>

Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 3) reports Henri Bohoussou, the spokesperson of the Ivoirian Bar Association, as saying that "The bill seeking the creation, organization and functioning of the commercial courts in Cote d'Ivoire will not guarantee a fair trial." According to the paper, the bill was drafted by the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberties.

A report in **Fraternite Matin (p. 12)** also says that the lawyers, who were speaking at a press conference yesterday, expressed concerns about the bill seeking to reform commercial courts. According to the paper, the lawyers spoke against provisions of the bill that set a referral to the Court of Appeal for any decision to be taken by commercial courts in Cote d'Ivoire.

7. UN Special Representative for West Africa calls for collection action to ensure security in West Africa

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499351.html>
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The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for West Africa, Said Djinnit was received in audience yesterday by President Ouattara, reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 8)**. According to the paper, the security in the West African sub-region was the issue of discussion between President Ouattara and Djinnit. "We have reiterated our commitment to support our respective institutions, including ECOWAS and the United Nations, to join force to ensure the integrity of the Malian territory," Djinnit said. He also said, "Stability in Nigeria is crucial for the region."

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1. Top officials of former government recover their houses
2. UN head says Cote d'Ivoire makes significant progress in justice, human rights and reconciliation issues
3. Speaker of Senegalese National Assembly expected in Abidjan today
4. West African experts receive training on fighting against cyber criminality

1. Top officials of former government recover their houses

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499300.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/des-residences-de-cinq-personnalites-proches-de-l-ex-president-laurent-gbagbo-restituees-ce-mardi-20866.html>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/restitution-de-residences-a-cinq-personnalites-pro-gbagbo-20897.html>

Several newspapers reported a ceremony returning five residences in Cocody that had been occupied since the post-electoral crisis to their owners. The ceremony took place at the Riviera Bounomin residence of former DG of the Port of Abidjan, Marcel Gossio who spoke for those receiving their property back indicating that this is a step towards reconciliation. **Soir Info (p. 5)** and **Nouveau Courrier (p. 6)** noted that the properties were returned in need of total renovation and quoted Minister for Defense Koffi Koffi Paul as responding to a journalist that the rehabilitation was not his responsibility. In his formal remarks the Minister noted that 249 of 644 sites identified as occupied have now been returned.

2. UN head says Cote d'Ivoire makes significant progress in justice, human rights and reconciliation issues

- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/16075-onuci-mme-mindaoudou-se-prononce-sur-le-r%C3%B4le-jou%C3%A9-par-la-mission-en-c%C3%B4te-d%27ivoire>
- <http://www.lebabi.net/actualite-abidjan/onuci-mme-mindaoudou-se-prononce-sur-le-role-joue-par-la-mission-en-cote-d-ivoire-20894.html>

The UN Secretary General's Special Representative in Cote d'Ivoire Aichatou Mindaoudou told **Fraternite Matin (p. 8)** that the country has made "significant progress in justice, human rights and national reconciliation issues." Mindaoudou said this during an interview with the paper yesterday. Commenting on the recent decision by an Ivoirian court to release on bail people detained in connection with the 2011 political violence, the head of the UN mission in Cote d'Ivoire advised that this decision should not serve as "a pretext for impunity." She therefore indicated that the on-going legal procedures linked to alleged crimes committed in Cote d'Ivoire should continue so that "the victims should not feel sacrificed for the cause of national reconciliation." "No reconciliation can be achieved without taking into account the case of the victims," Mindaoudou said. Regarding the 2015 presidential elections, the head of the UN mission is reported as saying that the organization is mediating between the Ivoirian political stakeholders in a bid to create "an atmosphere conducive for a peaceful election." Newspapers, including **Soir Info (p. 4)** also reported that FPI leaders are appealing to the SRSR to intervene on their behalf regarding the composition of the Independent Electoral Commission CEI).

3. Speaker of Senegalese National Assembly expected in Abidjan today

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499114.html>

A report in **Fraternite Matin (p. 7)** says the President of the Senegalese National Assembly, Moustapha Niasse, is expected today in Abidjan on the invitation of his Ivoirian counterpart, Guillaume Soro. The two speakers will use the opportunity to review a framework agreement on bilateral cooperation between the National Assembly of Cote d'Ivoire and that of Senegal. The paper also recalls that this accord was signed in June 2013 during a visit of Soro to Dakar. Niasse, the paper further says, will be meeting with other Ivoirian officials, including President Alassane Ouattara and Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan.

4. West African experts receive training on fighting against cyber criminality

According to **Fraternite Matin (p. 14)**, about 20 experts from Senegal, Benin and Côte d'Ivoire are taking part in a training this week in Abidjan designed to sharp their skills in fighting cyber criminality. The training is also aimed at creating a network between experts of these countries to enable them share information.

International Stories on Cote d'Ivoire

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Ivory Coast's robusta coffee output this season is expected to fall short of volumes sold forward by the country's marketing board, said exporters ...

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Cashew production in **Ivory Coast**, the world's second-biggest producer, will climb by 4.2 per cent this year, according to the industry's regulator ...

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The first branded website is planned in the **Ivory Coast** this summer, the ... It had **business** volumes -- sales plus the value of other parties' ...

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2. Peace and security experts from West African countries to meet today in Abidjan _
3. Leader of opposition tours northwestern region _
4. Former combatants demand allowances_
5. 4,000 refugees seeking to return home _
6. Government to spend \$89 million on rehabilitation of roads in rural areas

1. Workshop on transitional justice, reform of security sector, social cohesion and reconciliation opens in Abidjan

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499211.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/v/16585.html>

A workshop on transitional justice, reform of the security sector, social cohesion, and reconciliation is taking place this week in Abidjan reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 6)**. Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan spoke yesterday at the opening ceremony saying, "The release of political detainees on bail is part of the judicial process but will not prohibit finding out the truth and serving justice to those who are guilty." According to the paper, Duncan reaffirmed President Alassane Ouattara's commitment to root out impunity in the country. The workshop is being organized by two international NGOs; Freedom House and Search for Common Ground. The paper reports that human rights activists, members of the Commission on Dialogue, Truth, and Reconciliation (CDVR), and government officials are taking part in the seminar.

2. Peace and security experts from West African countries to meet today in Abidjan

- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/16058-enjeux-q%C3%A9opolitiques-et-strat%C3%A9giques-des-diplomates-et-agents-de-l%E2%80%99etat-en-s%C3%A9minaire>

West African peace and security experts are meeting today in Abidjan reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 6)**. Minister of Foreign Affairs Charles Koffi Diby said that the discussions will focus on geopolitical and geostrategic challenges facing West African nations. Diby is also reported as saying that Cote d'Ivoire organized the conference to demonstrate its support for peace and security in the region. The conference will also work to find solutions to preventing future conflict.

3. Leader of opposition tours northwestern region

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499221.html>
- http://www.rti.ci/infos_Politique_7254_cote-deivoire-pascal-affi-neguessan-va-rencontrer-simone-gbagbo-a-odienne-vendredi.html

Pascal Affi N'Guessan, president of the opposition FPI party, was yesterday in Touba, in northwestern Cote d'Ivoire, to meet with supporters reports **Notre Voie (p. 7)**. Speaking to those gathered, N'Guessan is quoted by the paper as saying, "I am here to tell you that the party is still strong." N'Guessan is also quoted as saying that, four years after the government took power, the population is still in "poverty." N'Guessan also accused the current government of "giving guns to children," then abandoning them once the government took power. "You must stand by the party that is still fighting to retake power," N'Guessan is quoted in **Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 3)** as saying to supporters.

4. Former combatants demand allowances

A report in **Nord-Sud Quotidien (p. 5)** says that former combatants yesterday staged a demonstration in Port Bouet to demand the payment of promised compensation. The paper quotes

one of the demonstrators as saying, "We are here to demand FCFA 40,000 (\$80) for each combatant that the government has promised us." According to the paper, each former combatant is entitled to a total of FCFA 800,000 (\$1660) as part of the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) program launched by the government.

In a related story, *L'Inter* (p. 3) features a letter, signed by a coalition of former combatants, denouncing nepotism within the current government. The letter says, "The government has abandoned us after we fought to help kick out former president Laurent Gbagbo." The letter states that former combatants are being chosen for positions in the government based on nepotism, and not on need or rank.

5. 4,000 refugees seeking to return home

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499219.html>

Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Public Liberties Gnenema Mamadou Coulibaly, yesterday met with the head of the UN High Commission for Refugees in Cote d'Ivoire, Mohammed Toure, to discuss the situation surrounding 4,000 refugees currently trying to return home from Liberia. *Fraternite Matin* (p. 8) quotes Toure as saying, "The meeting sought to find an agreement with the government to facilitate the return of these refugees." Toure also said that the recent attacks in the western region of Grabo, on the border with Liberia, have forced the UN to stop the repatriation process. Coulibaly promised that the government will take steps to help the refugees return to the country.

6. Government to spend \$89 million on rehabilitation of roads in rural areas

- <http://fratmat.info/une/item/16057-convoyage-des-produits-agricoles-minagri-et-l%E2%80%99ageroute-signent-une-convention>

A report in *Fraternite Matin* (p.12) says that the government has committed to rehabilitate more than 300 kilometers of roads in rural communities. The report also says that this project will cost the government FCFA 43 billion (\$89 million). According to the paper, these projects will help people in rural areas to transport their agriculture products to markets in other parts of the country, facilitating economic growth. The road project will also help increase the productivity of crops such as cocoa, rubber, cotton, and palm oil in Cote d'Ivoire.

A related story in *Soir Info* (p. 10) says that Minister of Agriculture Sangafowa Coulibaly and the government department of road construction signed an agreement yesterday. The paper notes that the road rehabilitation project is supported by the French development agency and the World Bank.

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Côte d'Ivoire allows 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) in the insurance industry, and the entry of foreign companies increased competitiveness.

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1. Government announces release of 50 prisoners close to former president Gbagbo
2. Opposition FPI party divided over lift o boycott of national census
3. UN backs government in fighting against trans-border crime
4. Islamic Development Bank commits \$30 million for post-conflict project in western Cote d'Ivoire

1. Government announces release of 50 prisoners close to former president Gbagbo

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499111.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499116.html>
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A report in **Fraternite Matin (p. 6)** says that the government has announced the release of an additional 50 political prisoners close to former Ivoirian president Laurent Gbagbo. According to the paper, this was announced by former prime minister Jeannot Ahoussou Kouadio on Saturday. Kouadio also announced that former first lady Simone Gbagbo, who like the others has been held since April 2011, was not among those released. The group released does include Jean-Yves Dibopieu, a former leader of the student organization FESCI. On the case of former first lady Gbagbo, Kouadio said that as long as the discussion is ongoing between the Ivoirian judicial system and the International Criminal Court (ICC), she cannot be released.

Kouadio is quoted in **Le Nouveau Reveil (pp. 2-3)** as saying that all of the supporters of the former president who were either released from jail or who have returned home from exile, have been reintegrated into public service positions. Kouadio also said that approximately 100 bank accounts belonging to Gbagbo supporters are still frozen because most of these accounts are subject to international sanctions. "The judicial system is still working on the cases of another 100 detainees who will be released soon," Kouadio added according to **Le Patriote (p. 2)**.

On the opposition side, **Notre Voie (p. 4)** complains that out of 150 detainees that were earlier announced would be released, only 50 were released. According to a report in **Aujourd'hui (p. 5)**, approximately 800 political detainees still remain in jail. The newspaper says that releasing only 50 prisoners is "nothing" compared to those that remain.

2. Opposition FPI party divided over lift o boycott of national census

- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499153.html>
- <http://news.abidjan.net/h/499132.html>
- <http://www.connectionivoirienne.net/99830/cote-divoire-boycott-du-recensement-parti-gbagbo-annonce-reunion-decider-levee-eventuelle>

Members of the executive committee of the main opposition party, the FPI, were unable to agree on whether or not to discontinue the ongoing boycott of the national census. **Fraternite Matin (p. 8)** reports that 15 members of the committee are supportive of lifting the boycott, while 37 voted for it to continue. The paper quotes the president of the party, Pascal Affi N'Guessan, as telling reporters that the party leadership will meet again soon to make a final decision. According to a report in **Le Nouveau Reveil (p. 4)**, Affi N'Guessan's call to lift the ban was rejected by "hardliners" in the party. The paper notes that despite the announcement of the release of political prisoners from their party, executive committee members would not change their minds.

The vote over the boycott of the national census has exposed the “fragility” of Affi N’Guessaan’s control over the party reports **L’Intelligent d’Abidjan (p. 6)**. **Le Patriote (p. 3)** claims that FPI leadership threatened to remove Affi N’Guessan as leader of the party for “treason.”

Le Nouveau Courrier (p. 4) notes that the delay of the decision by the FPI to call off the boycott will help the party to continue to press the government to “keep its promises.” The paper also believes that the FPI party avoided “a trap” set by the government to get them to lift the boycott despite “the government not yet fulfilling all its promises.”

3. UN backs government in fighting against trans-border crime

- <http://www.ghana.gov.gh/index.php/2012-02-08-08-32-47/general-news/5747-un-supports-efforts-to-stem-illicit-trafficking-in-west-africa>

The United Nations is helping the government of Cote d’Ivoire to put in place a program to combat trafficking and transnational crime reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 8)**. UN spokesperson Kadidia Ledron announced the formation of the West African Coast Initiative which will use the resources of international donors to provide technical and financial support to combat crime.

4. Islamic Development Bank commits \$30 million for post-conflict project in western Cote d’Ivoire

Minister of Planning and Development Albert Mabri Toikeusse launched on Saturday a program of reconstruction in the western town of Man reports **Fraternite Matin (p. 10)**. The project will be funded by the Islamic Development Bank at a cost of FCFA 14.5 billion (\$30 million). According to the paper, the project includes the reconstruction of 400 kilometers of roads as well as the rehabilitation of schools and health centers destroyed during the recent political crises in Cote d’Ivoire. The project will also provide grants to rural development cooperatives to establish small businesses.

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